pantographs continue to be in service. ABB have since carried out modification of 9 imported pantographs which are on service trials and the performance is being monitored.

**Government Directives for Defective Telephones**

3567. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any directives has been issued by the Government in regard to set the defective telephones right within two days after receipt of complaints and if the defect is not removed in a week, then the rent for such period should not be charged from the subscribers; and

(b) if so, details of such telephones in Jammu of which the defect have not been removed for more than a week during the period of January 1997 to June 1997?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes Sir, as per existing instructions faulty telephones should be set right within 40 hours of the complaints.

Rebate in rentals is admissible when local telephone services remain interrupted/suspended continuously for 7 days or more due to departmental reasons.

(b) Month-wise details of telephones in Jammu which remained faulty for more than 7 days during Jan'97 to June'97 are given as below:-

| Month | No. of telephones remained faulty for more than 7 days |
|---|---|
| January 97 | 201 |
| February 97 | 153 |
| March 97 | 492 |
| April 97 | 369 |
| May 97 | 171 |
| June 97 | 147 |
| Total | 1533 |

**Construction of Unauthorised Stalls**

3568. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that unauthorised stalls are constructed on the level-crossings of the local stations in Howrah and Sealdah Divisions of Eastern Railway which is the restricted zone for constructing any structure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these structures are obstructing the vicinity and thus causing accidents; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard to avoid accidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are such constructions mainly at some of the level crossings adjacent to suburban stations in Sealdah and Howrah Divisions of Eastern Railway.

(c) No accident occurred in Sealdah and Howrah Divisions of Eastern Railway due to obstruction by unauthorised construction at level crossings.

(d) Action to remove the unauthorised structures is taken under Public premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 which is a continuous process.

**Extension of Niambur-Shoranur Push Pull Train**

3569. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the extension of the Nilambur-Shoranur Push Pull train from Shoranur upto Palghat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) Some representations have been received in this regard. However there is no proposal at present to extend Nilambur-Shoranur DMU train upto Palghat due to certain operational constraints.

**Coverage of Swaran Jayanti Rathyatra**

3570. CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any coverage to Shri L.K. Advani's Swaran Jayanti Rathyatra has been telecast and broadcast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government adopts the same policy about the activities of other political parties; and

(d) if so, the details of the policy being followed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Both All India Radio and Doordarshan adequately covered the Swaran Jayanti Rathayatra undertaken by the B.J.P. President, Shri L.K. Advani in their national as well as regional bulletins.

(b) Such information is not kept centrally in a compiled form.